

rules. I do compliment the senators who have worked with this. I do compliment the senators who had to have a really tough time trying to decide how they are going to vote on this issue because we know what the issue is and we know what the effects are. But I do need to remind you and it reminded me of a little story, in fact, I told a couple of you that a little earlier today about the little boy who came home and he had a black eye and kind of his clothes were all messed up and he looked like he had been in quite a scuffle. And his mom said, what happened? He said, I've been in a fight. It was all wrong. She said, why? He said, well, it all started when he hit me back. I remind you that we were not the ones that put this law on the books, this group. Four years ago I was here, I fought against it then. A lot of you have come to me and said, I wish it weren't here, it doesn't belong here. What we have to do is go through this agonizing process of taking it off. I wish it wasn't here either. I wish it was where it belongs, but, unfortunately, we have had to go through this very agonizing process and I know you have had a lot of problems, a lot of mail, lot of phone calls, lot of talk from constituents, some intimidations, some innuendoes, some unfavorable press. I appreciate what you have gone through. I appreciate your support. I will continue and I pledge to Senator Withem that we will talk some more and see if there is some way that we can come up with an agreement that we can all go home and say we have done the best thing for the State of Nebraska. I am convinced that we are doing the best thing for the State of Nebraska right now. I urge your advancement of LB 807.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall LB 807 be advanced to E & R Initial? We have had a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, will you call the roll, please. Senator Hannibal, for what purpose?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Since we are under call, could we all check in, please, see who is here.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Certainly may. Will those of you who are still here and those of you who are not still here, please come back to your chair and check in, please. Reminding you again that the call has never been raised since we had it the last time. Senator Lamb, would you punch in, please. Senator Smith, did you get yours? Thank you. Okay, everyone is here, I believe, that is not excused. Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll.